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Application No.: 09/663,665 Examiner: Zhen, Li B. Filed: September 15, 2000 Group/Art Unit: 2194 Inventors: Atty. Dkt. No: 5181-47300 Gregory L. Slaughter, et al. Title: SECURE EXCHANGE OF **OBJECTS IN A** DISTRIBUTED **COMPUTING ENVIRONMENT**

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF JANUARY 26, 2007

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of January 26, 2007, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.